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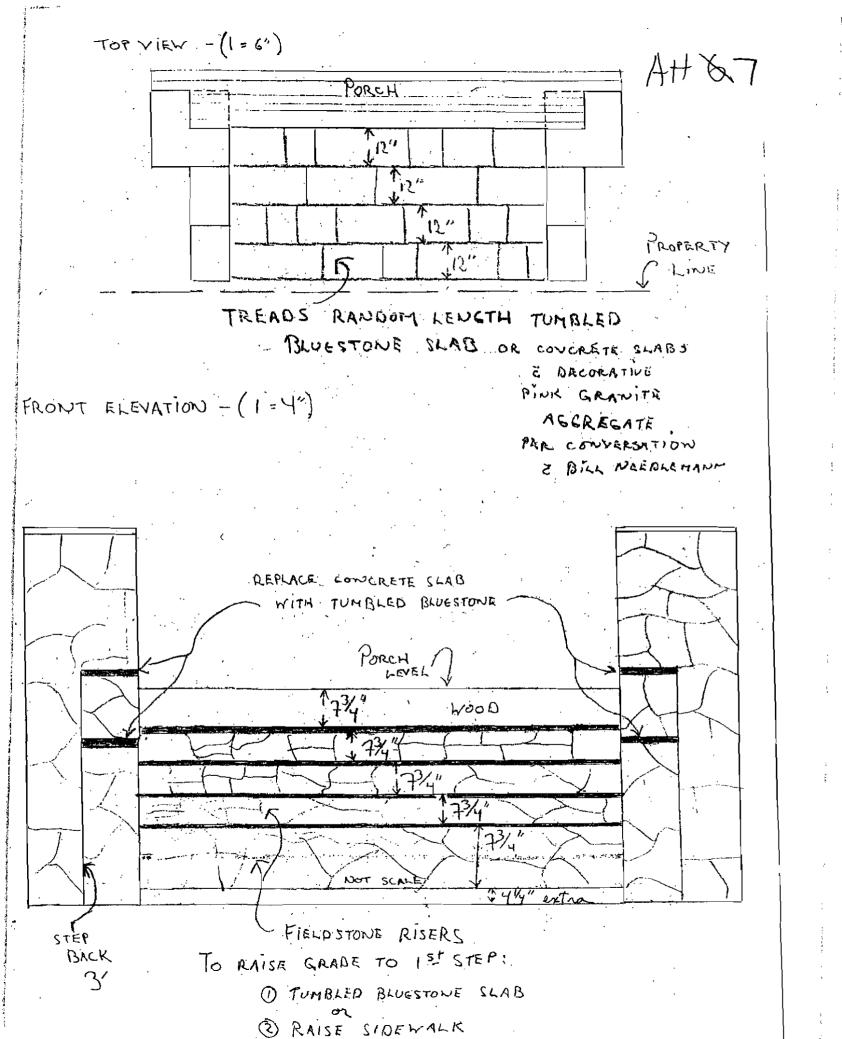
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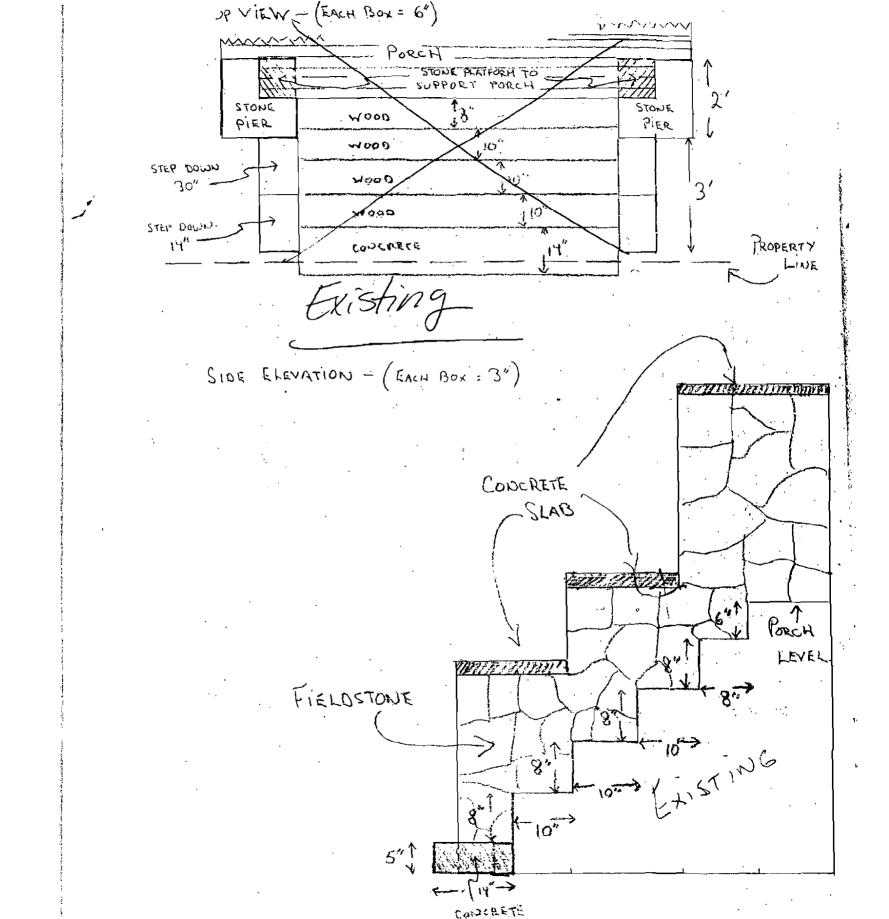
I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the named property, or that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his authorized agent and I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in the application is issued, I certify that the code official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provision of the code(s) applicable to such permit.

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
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# All Purpose Building Permit Application

If you or the property owner owes real estate or personal property taxes or user charges on any property within the City, payment arrangements must be made before permits of any kind are accepted.

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This is NOT a permit, you may not commence ANY work until the permit is issued. If you are in a Historic District you may be subject to additional permitting and fees with the

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Planning Department on the 4th floor of City Hall



#### **CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE**

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

055-B-011

Stephen Sewall, Chair Cordelia Pitman, Vice Chair Edward Hobler Susan Wroth Camillo Breggia Robert Parker John Turk

November 7, 2002

Bruce McVicar 29 West Street Portland, Maine 04102

Re: 29 West Street – porch alterations, front yard fence installation, & rear fence installation

Dear Mr. McVicar:

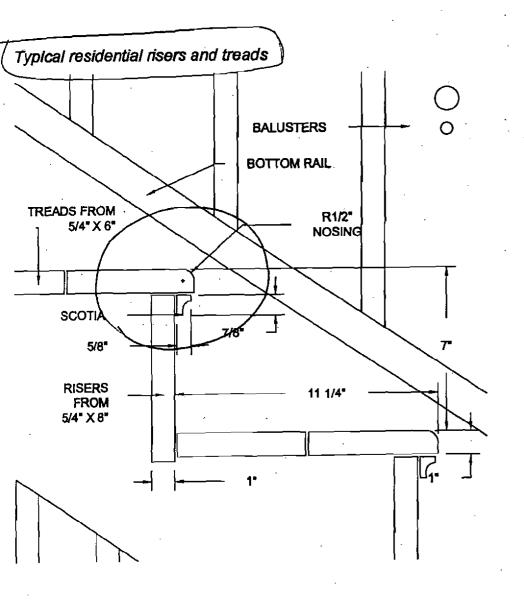
On November 6, 2002, the City of Portland's Historic Preservation Committee reviewed your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior and site alterations at 29 West Street. The application was reviewed after-the-fact, as all but the rear fence had been substantially completed prior to an application being filed.

Following deliberations, the Committee voted 6-0 (Hobler absent) as follows:

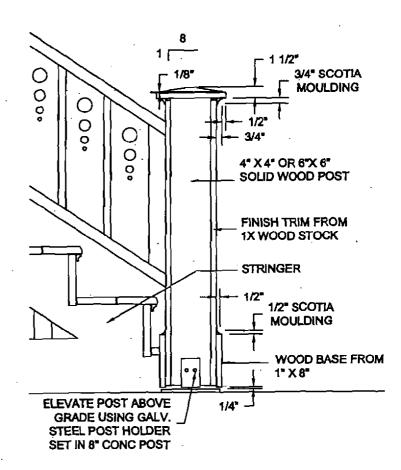
- to approve the existing porch step reconstruction, <u>subject to the condition that the treads and risers be faced in wood</u>. The intended effect of this modification is for the steps to read as traditional wood stairs, consistent with the original steps. (An excerpt from the Historic Preservation Division's *Guidelines for Porch Repairs and Replacement* is enclosed, which illustrates the required specifications for the treads and risers.)
- 2) to deny the request for approval for the front yard fence, based on findings that the fence, as installed, fails to meet Standards #3 and #9 of the historic preservation ordinance. Standard #3 specifically discourages "alterations that have no historical basis or create a false sense of historical development such as adding conjectural features or elements from other properties". Standard # 9 states that where new additions are made to existing properties, the new work "shall be compatible with the size, scale, color, material and character of the property, neighborhood or environment". Committee members found that the composite fence, made of salvaged components from an earlier Victorian fence, was not compatible with the Queen Anne period of this property. Additionally, they found that the materials of the fence, in the context of the subject property, created a hodge-podge effect that was incompatible with the character of the property.
- 3) to approve the request for a 6' wood fence at the rear of the property.

Note that as the front yard fence was erected prior to review or approval under the historic preservation ordinance and as the Historic Preservation Committee found that the fence failed to meet ordinance standards, it is considered in violation of the ordinance. The fence must be removed before May 1, 2003 in order to avoid enforcement action

## STAIR DETAILS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE



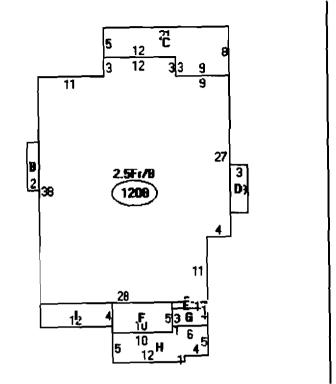
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4-4 GUIDELINES FOR PORCH REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT

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Department of Planning & Development Lee D. Urban, Director



**CITY OF PORTLAND** 

Division Directors Mark B. Adelson Housing & Neighborhood Services

Alexander Q. Jaegerman, AICP Planning

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#### HAND DELIVERY

June 6, 2003

Bruce and Eva McVicar 29 West Street. Portland, Maine 04102

RE: Front Exterior Stairs/29 West Street CBL #: 055 B011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McVicar:

This office has completed its review of your building permit application for front stair construction at 29 West Street. Our records show that the application was filed after the stairs had been constructed. The application was evaluated for its conformance with the City of Portland Building Code (1999 BOCA) and with the conditions outlined in your November 6, 2002 approval from the Historic Preservation Committee for front stair replacement.

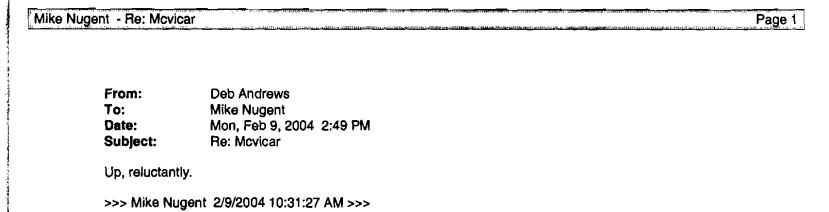
<u>Conformance with City of Portland Building Code requirements</u>: Mike Nugent, Manager of Inspection Services, has determined that the stairs, as constructed, fail to comply with the City's Building Code requirements because the bottom riser exceeds the maximum allowed under the Code and because the rise-and-run of the stairs is not uniform throughout.

According to the Building Code, stair treads are required to be a minimum of 10". Risers should not exceed  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ". The Code also stipulates that the maximum dimensional variation (from tread to tread or from riser to riser) cannot exceed 3/16". In the entire stairway, this dimensional variation cannot exceed 3/8".

Based on an inspection of your stairs, your stair construction measures as follows:

Risers, top to bottom: 6", 7 ¼", 7 ½", 7 ¾", 11" Treads, top to bottom: 14 ½", 11 ¾", 12", 12"

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thumbs up or down?

The treads and risers exceed the uniformity standards in Section 1014.6.2 of the Building Code. Additionally, the first riser exceeds the maximum specified in Section 1014.6.8.

<u>Conformance with Historic Preservation Committee's Conditional Approval</u>:' Deb Andrews, Historic Preservation Program Manager, has determined that the stairs, as constructed, do not conform with the conditional approval granted by the Historic Preservation Committee last November. The conditional approval stipulated that the wood treads and risers be constructed according to a specification from the Historic Preservation Division's *Guidelines for Porch Repairs and Replacement*, an excerpt of which was attached to the decision letter. Additionally, the completed stairs feature shallow wood "cheekwalls" adjacent to the porch's original stone cheekwalls, which were not discussed or approved by the Historic Preservation Committee.

Based on staff's evaluation, your front steps are currently in violation of both the City of Portland Building Code (see Section 116.2) and Article IX of the Land Use Code (Historic Preservation). You are required to remove the stairs and submit plans for approval that comply with both the Building Code and Historic Preservation Ordinance within 30 days. A building permit must be obtained and construction must be completed in conformity with all applicable codes within 45 additional days. An inspection will occur on July 7, at which time compliance with the initial order is required and again on August 22, at which time complete compliance is required. Failure to comply will result in legal action and possible civil penalties, as provided for in Section 1-15 of the Building Code.

The findings described in this letter constitute an appealable decision pursuant to Section 121 of the Code.

Please call Mike Nugent (874-8700) or Deb Andrews (874-8726) next week to arrange a meeting to resolve this matter. They are prepared to work with you or your contractor to develop plans that will meet all of the requirements discussed above. To expedite this matter, we strongly recommend that you hire a contractor or carpenter experienced in stair construction to prepare the plans and complete the work.

Sincerely,

Lee. D. Urban Director of Planning and Development

Cc: Donna Katsiaficas, Associate Corporation Counsel Alex Jaegerman, Planning Director Mark Adelson, Housing and Neighborhood Services Director Michael Nugent, Manager of Inspection Services Deborah Andrews, Historic Preservation Program Manager

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